Hike in disability pension of jawans

2079. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to increase the disability pension of the Jawans; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The rates of disability pension for Armed Forces personnel were increased *w.e.f.* 1.1.1996 on the basis of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission.

Complaints of bribery in purchase of mirage

2080. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received of alleged efforts to bribe for procuring orders or purchase of 32 Mirage aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details of complaints made; and

(c) the action taken to expedite Mirage deal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal to purchase 32 Mirage aircraft.

Upgradation of T-72 tanks

2081. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the entire fleet of T-72 tank of Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the cost and the timeframe;